

Press Release

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Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Receives \$150,000 From First Federal's Community Dividend

Port Townsend, WA (May 28, 2009) – First Federal has selected the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Program (DV/SAP) of Jefferson County to receive a \$150,000 award from the bank's Community Dividend Program.

The funds will be used to support the construction of "Dove House," a new services and transitional living center in Port Townsend. The facility will provide four units of transitional housing for families recovering from domestic violence. It will be the only transitional residence in Jefferson County specifically for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

"First Federal is pleased to support the construction of Dove House," said Karen McCormick, President and CEO of First Federal. "We are committed to helping provide affordable housing in the communities we serve and this facility will do just that for families in need."

First Federal's Community Dividend Program was launched last August with a \$1 million gift to the communities served by First Federal on the North Olympic Peninsula. The program targets three areas of concern: housing, community development and economic development.

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Jefferson County (DV/SAP) has operated in the community for 28 years, officially incorporating in 1983. The private nonprofit corporation is Jefferson County's sole provider of free services to victims of family and sexual violence. DV/SAP provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, medical and legal advocacy, individual support and counseling, support groups, school-based prevention groups, therapy for adult victims of domestic and sexual violence, advocacy services to child witnesses of domestic violence and child victims of sexual assault, scholarship programs and a 24/7 crisis line services.

“We are honored to receive the support of First Federal. Dove House represents a part of our vision to enhance stability for victims and move toward a more peaceful community for everyone. Thanks to First Federal that vision is becoming reality,” said Cheryl Bozarth, Executive Director, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Jefferson County.

More information about First Federal's Community Dividend Program can be found at www.doinggoodfeelsgood.com.

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